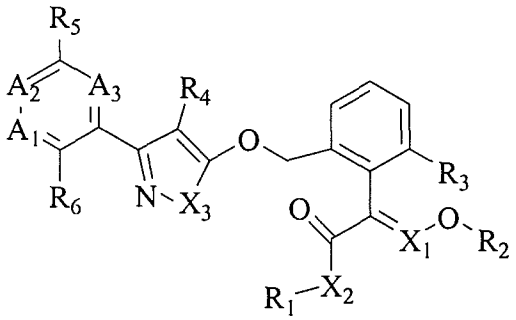
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A substituted azole compound of formula (I):



(I);

wherein

X_1 is CH;

X_2 is selected from O or S;

X_3 is NR_8;

A_1 is CR_9;

A_2 is CR_{10};

A_3 is CR_{11};

R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different, selected from H, C_1-C_{12}alkyl or C_1-C_{12}haloalkyl;

R_3 is selected from H, halo, C_1-C_{12}alkyl, C_1-C_{12}haloalkyl or C_1-C_{12}alkoxy;

R_8 is selected from H, C_1-C_{12}alkyl; C_1-C_{12}haloalkyl; C_1-C_{12}alkoxycarbonyl or C_1-C_{12}alkoxycarbonyl C_1-C_{12}alkyl;

R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, halo, NO_2, CN, $CONH_2$, CH_2CONH_2, CH_2CN, C_1-C_{12}alkyl, C_1-C_{12}haloalkyl, C_1-C_{12}alkoxy, C_1-C_{12}haloalkoxy, C_1-C_{12}alkylthio, C_1-C_{12}alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_{12}alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_{12}alkoxyC_1-C_{12}alkyl, C_1-C_{12}alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_{12}alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_{12}alkyl, C_1-C_{12}haloalkoxyC_1-C_{12}alkyl, groups may be substituted by any other groups: aminoC_1-C_{12}alkyl,aryl, heteroaryl; aroxyl, arylC_1-C_{12}alkyl, arylC_1-C_{12}alkoxy, heteroarylC_1-C_{12}alkyl or heteroarylC_1-C_{12}alkoxy;

and stereoisomer.

11. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 10, wherein

R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different, selected from H, C_1-C_6alkyl or C_1-C_6haloalkyl;

R_3 is selected from H, halo, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl or C_1-C_6alkoxy;

R_8 is selected from H, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6haloalkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl or C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_6alkyl; and

R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, halo, NO_2, CN, $CONH_2$, CH_2CONH_2, CH_2CN, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl, groups may be substituted by any other groups: aminoC_1-C_6alkyl,aryl, heteroaryl; aroxyl, arylC_1-C_6alkyl, arylC_1-C_6alkoxy, heteroarylC_1-C_6alkyl or heteroarylC_1-C_6alkoxy.

12. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 11, wherein

X_2 is O;

R_1 and R_2 are CH_3;

R_3 is selected from H or CH_3;

R_8 is selected from H, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6haloalkyl; C_1-C_3alkoxycarbonyl or C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_3alkyl; and

R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, halo, NO_2, CN, $CONH_2$, CH_2CONH_2, CH_2CN, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl, groups may be substituted by any other groups: aminoC_1-C_3alkyl,phenyl, phenoxy, benzyl or benzyloxy.

13. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 12, wherein

R_3 is H;

R_8 is selected from H, C_1-C_3alkyl; C_1-C_3haloalkyl; C_1-C_3alkoxycarbonyl or C_1-

C_3alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_3alkyl; and

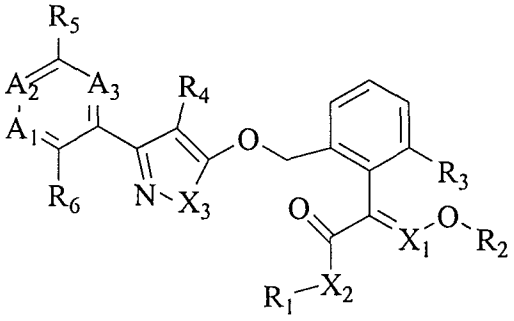
R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, Cl, Br, F, NO_2, CN, CH_2CN, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_3alkyl, C_1-C_3haloalkoxyC_1-C_3alkyl, substituted aminoC_1-C_3alkyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl, phenoxy or substituted phenoxy.

14. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 13, wherein

R_8 is selected from H, or C_1-C_3alkyl; and

R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, Cl, Br, F, NO_2, CN, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6haloalkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonylC_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_3alkyl, phenyl or halophenyl, phenoxy or halophenoxy.

15. (New) A composition having as an active ingredient, a substituted azole compound of formula (I)



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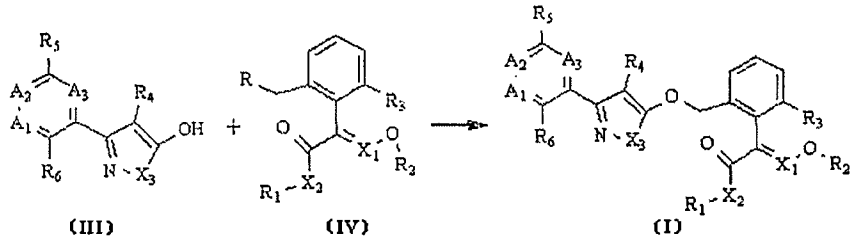
and stereoisomer;

wherein the weight percentage of the active ingredient in the composition is from 0.1% to 99%.

16. (New) A method for controlling fungi and insects in a plant which comprises administering the substituted azole compound of claim 10 to the plant.

17. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the substituted azole compound is administered in the form of a composition.

18. (Withdrawn, New) The preparation of substitute azole compounds according to claim 10, which comprises reacting an azole compound containing hydroxyl group having general formula (III) with a halomethylbenzene having general formula (IV) in the presence of a base:



(III) (IV) (I)

wherein: R is leaving group, such as Cl or Br.